

FW: Letter from George Stone for SLO BOS RE : Cooperative Road Project

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Subject : Letter from George Stone for SLO BOS RE: Cooperative Road Project

Dear Cherie,

Attached is my letter for the SLO BOS meeting Tuesday of next week. This letter will serve in my absence. Please forward this to each board member for their perusal and review.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concerns and support. Best--George

George Stone

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Date: January 23, 2014

To: SLO County Board of Supervisors

From: George Stone, Resident,
1441 Richard Avenue, Cambria CA

Subject: Cooperative Road Project for Richard Avenue and Leonard
Place Cambria, CA

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns about the cooperative road project in proxy of my being present at the BOS meeting next Tuesday. I teach at Cuesta College and my teaching schedule does not permit my attendance.

I am in full support of the majority for the cooperative road project set in motion for the paving of Richard and Leonard in Cambria. I have lived on the corner of these two streets for five years. Over this time I have reached the conclusion that paving the access road, and as much of Richard as the proposal allows, is the correct thing to do. Beyond the practical considerations of what this road would fulfill, such as dust abatement, beautification, added value, etc, there are many more pressing issues that paving would address and alleviate.

My largest single concern is that of pedestrian and driver safety. Since the last 300 feet (approximately) of Richard Avenue is inclined at a severe grade of at least 15% or more, this issue becomes paramount. Each week I witness numerous cars, delivery trucks and other motor vehicles come down the road. Having just driven on a paved section of road from above, their speed is on average 10 to 15 MPH over the appropriate 15 MPH for a dirt road. In addition, the road veers tightly to the left and forms a blind corner. The combination of speed and the turn greatly compromises reaction time. Upon hitting the brakes to slow down or stop, a car or truck continues to slide out of control with no physical way to come to a complete stop. I have seen this situation all too often. I myself have tested the road and it is simply not possible to stop in any amount of time to avoid an accident. In 2009 I was the only new resident in this section. Today there are at least four more occupied homes, with some of these residents having known disabilities. There are considerably more animals such as cats and dogs present today. Most are outdoor pets and are seen

crossing the road day and night. Deer roam the road day and night. We all walk our neighborhood day and night. Obviously, there would be terrible consequences should a car fail to stop.

The second concern is of proper drainage. I have been proactive in helping my neighbor across the street from becoming flooded during times of severe rain. At my own expense of \$770.00, I installed my own 6" drain pipes and catch basin in an effort to direct the rainwater into the corner culvert. While this has been a big help comparatively, by no means can it do the job of the entire hillside during a torrential downpour. As it stands now, the hillside pipe dumps completely onto my driveway swale, costing me a bi-yearly slurry coat to keep the blacktop from crumbling and breaking away.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my reasons for supporting the cooperative road project. I feel it is the right thing to do and that it will be a huge benefit to all of us.

Sincerely,

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